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Dr. Hacker continued in private practice in Corbin until 1993 when he accepted the position of Vice President for Health Services at Appalachian Regional Healthcare (ARH) and moved to the corporate headquarters in Lexington. He left ARH in 1999 to serve as the Medical Director of Kentucky Health Select (a managed Medicaid program) within the CHA Health organization.

In 2001 Dr. Hacker joined the Kentucky Department for Public Health as a physician consultant in the Division of Adult and Child Health. Following the terrorism events in the fall of 2001 Dr. Hacker transferred to the Division of Epidemiology as Manager of the newly formed Public Health Preparedness Branch. In September 2003 he was also appointed as the Acting Director of the Division of Laboratory Services and served in that capacity until April 1, 2005. He has served as Commissioner since being appointed by the Governor in 2004.

Dr. Hacker is Board Certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and is a Fellow in the American Academy of Pediatrics. He is also a Certified Physician Executive (CPE) and is a member of the American College of Physician Executives. He holds an appointment at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine as an Associate Clinical Professor in the Department of Pediatrics and Associate Clinical Professor in the University of Kentucky College of Public Health.